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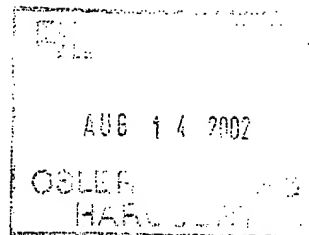
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Application No. : 2,281,022
Owner : MATSUSHITA GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.
Title : IMAGE TRANSMITTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE RECEIVING APPARATUS
Classification : H04L-12/16
Your File No. : 13722
Examiner : Donald Lefebvre

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE PATENT RULES, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 18.

The claims are directed to the following categories of subject matter:

Group A - Claims 1-7 and 10-18 are directed to an image transmitting/receiving apparatus and method; and

Group B - Claims 8 and 9 are directed to a server apparatus.

The claims must be limited to one invention only as set out in Section 36 of the Patent Act.

In view of the above, a search of the prior art has been limited to the subject matter in claims 1-7 and 10-18.

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A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

References Applied:

Canadian Patent
2,216,149

16 Oct 1997

H04N-01/327

BANDO et al.

PCT Application
98/58335

23 Dec 1998

G06F-17/00

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BANDO et al.

BANDO et al. disclose a facsimile apparatus and communication method for transmitting facsimile data to a recipient via a communication network. The facsimile apparatus saves the image file in a storage (**filing means**), and registers (**registering means**) the image file on a WWW server. The facsimile apparatus generates access information (**informing means**) for accessing the image file, which is registered on the WWW server, and forwards the access information by e-mail to the recipient. The WWW server receives an access request from the recipient (**address extracting means**) using the server's URL, which was sent by e-mail, and transmits the image file to the recipient (**image obtaining means**). The facsimile communication method comprises steps for saving the image file in a storage; generating access information for accessing the image file, which is saved in the storage; sending the access information to the recipient by e-mail; and transmitting the stored image file to the recipient upon reception of an access request from the recipient for the image file. Only access information for the stored image file is sent to the recipient.

Specifically, the e-mail address of a recipient is provided through the panel section of the apparatus by an operator; the scanner section scans an original and converts it to an image file (**generating image files/pages in a plurality of standard and non-standard data formats**); the image file along with a file name is saved in the external storage. During the scanning and saving process, the image is compressed, and an HTML document is created. An URL for accessing the registered image file is generated and written in the text of the e-mail. The e-mail is then transmitted to the recipient. The WWW server receives a request for the image file from the recipient. The WWW server acquires the image file with the requested file name from the external storage, and transfers it to the IP address of the requesting recipient using the HTTP.

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MATSUMOTO discloses a method and machine for storing documents on a World Wide Web site, which were transmitted by facsimile. The method and machine allows the user to determine the status and content of the faxes from any location. This is accomplished by posting incoming faxes or portions thereof to a web site which is associated with the

A statement in an application, such as found on page 28, lines 3-6, which incorporates by reference any other document; does not comply with Subsection 81(1) of the Patent Rules.

The opportunity should be taken to amend the following clerical errors:

claim 12 - "... and receives an selection for an image file ..." should read "... and receives a selection for an image file ..."

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under Section 29 of the Patent Rules, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the corresponding United States application and the patent number, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. If the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

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